

Town of West Tisbury
Community Preservation Committee (CPC)
Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2021, 5:30 pm, Part One
Virtual Meeting via Zoom

The meeting was called to order by Chairman Cheryl Lowe, at 5:30 pm.

Present: Bea Phear, John Rau, Ted Jochsberger, Mary Sage Napolitan, Cheryl Lowe

Absent: John Brannen, Nancy Dole, Jeffrey DuBard, Doug Ruskin

Others: Heidi Dietterich, Administrative Assistant, Ashley McKenna, MVCMA

Cheryl Lowe called the meeting to order at 5:33 pm.

The Committee welcomed its new member, Mary Sage Napolitan.

The Committee reviewed the minutes from the March 10, 2021 meeting. Cheryl Lowe asked if the Committee had any changes or corrections to the minutes. On a motion made by Beatrice Phear, seconded by Ted Jochsberger, the Committee approved the minutes, with Napolitan abstaining.

The CPC's Affordable Housing statement written in February of 2010 was reviewed. The Committee considered some revisions to this statement. A discussion was held on how stringent the definition of 'policy' was. John Rau said a policy was not a statute, but more a guideline. The Committee discussed the Dukes County Rental Housing Authority's annual appropriations, and how they should be addressed in this document. Following discussion, on a motion made by Beatrice Phear, seconded by Ted Jochsberger, the Committee unanimously adopted two suggested changes, one making the 'statement' a 'policy', and the second adding a sentence at the end of the document, further defining the policy. The revised document is attached to these minutes.

The Committee discussed the draft letter in response to Angela Aronie's correspondence. The Committee agreed that the word 'habit' in the third paragraph should be changed to the word 'policy'. The Committee began discussing the addition of a sentence to the third paragraph, but was interrupted by a zoom bombing and was immediately ended at 5:47 pm.

Meeting Minutes – March 24, 2021, 5:30 pm – Part Two
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The meeting was reconvened on zoom, following the abrupt ending due to a zoom bombing. The second part of this meeting was called to order by Chairman Cheryl Lowe, at 5:56 pm.

Present: Bea Phear, John Rau, Ted Jochsberger, Mary Sage Napolitan, Cheryl Lowe

Absent: John Brannen, Nancy Dole, Jeffrey DuBard, Doug Ruskin

Others: Heidi Dietterich, Administrative Assistant, Ashley McKenna, MVCMA

The Committee returned to their discussion of the draft letter in response to Angela Aronie's correspondence. The Committee agreed that the word 'habit' in the third paragraph should be changed to the word 'policy'. Discussion included that the Committee had done their due diligence on this project. Some towns on the Island may not have researched as thoroughly as West Tisbury had, and that led to the differing opinions on this project's eligibility. The Committee further agreed to a sentence that John Rau proposed be added to the third paragraph as well. On a motion made by John Rau, seconded by Beatrice Phear, the Committee approved the two revisions, with Napolitan abstaining. A copy of the correspondence is attached to these minutes.

Dietterich shared that the return receipt requested correspondence had been delivered to Bettina Washington, of the Mayhew Chapel project. Dietterich had received the confirmation of receipt. There had been no further contact from any project representative, and if this situation remains status quo until 6/30/21, this project's original \$10,000.00 appropriation will be returned to the CPC fund. A CPA funded project has five years to begin and complete their projects, unless communication between the project and the CPC has taken place and agreed to.

An email had been received from the Charter School asking if they could use the funds appropriated in 2019-20 for playground equipment purchase, for field reparation. Due to the pandemic, tents had been set up on their playing fields and had damaged the fields. Phear said that the CPC could not change the Town's decision on the warrant article, and that the Charter School should come back to ask for an appropriation to address the field's repair. Since there was no Special Town Meeting scheduled, it was too late to make a second application and get on this year's warrant. The Committee asked Dietterich to respond to the Charter School's inquiry.

With no further business, the Committee voted unanimously to adjourn at 6:10 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Heidi Dietterich
Administrative Assistant